

South Dakota Library Association

The South Dakota Library Association (SDLA) is a statewide organization representing libraries, library employees, library trustees, and library supporters. SDLA provides leadership and educational opportunities, and supports its members in meeting the challenges of providing quality library service to all South Dakotans.



Book Award Voting Procedures

Voting Period: The reading of Prairie Bud and Prairie Pasque nominees officially begins in the fall with each new school year. Awards voting begins October 1 and concludes April 1. Winning titles are announced during National Library Week in April.

Participants: Any South Dakota student in grades K-2 for Prairie Bud and grades 3-5 for Prairie Pasque may participate in voting on an annual basis.

Voting Procedures: The student may cast a ballot for any of books that he/she has read or heard read from the list of nominees by rating them. K-2nd grade students may vote for any of the books they enjoyed reading and feel would be deserving of the Prairie Bud award. 3-5th grade students may vote for any of the books they have read by ranking them on a 3-point scale.

Casting a Ballot: Awards voting is conducted through an online survey. Students may individually cast a ballot for their favorite nominated books online at their school, library, or home.

A teacher or librarian may also tally and cast votes on behalf of an entire class or school. A parent/guardian also may cast votes on behalf of any children in the household that are eligible to vote. No one title can receive more votes than the total number of students indicated on the ballot. The ballots must represent votes made by K-2 (Prairie Bud) or 3-5 (Prairie Pasque) grade students.

Confidentiality: The online survey contains elements to ensure ethical and fair voting procedures are maintained while also maintaining student confidentiality. Students will not be asked to identify private information while voting for Prairie Bud and Prairie Pasque awards.

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